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1328 1326 I mean, it might be. It might not be. I can't conversation? 2 2 tell until I would read it. A. No, I really don't. 3 Q. All right. Now, I note for the record 3 Q. Do you recall reviewing any testimony in 4 a deposition taken in the Connecticut case with 4 that I have reviewed the three Connecticut reports respect to the views of Connecticut Medicaid 5 that we've marked to find any references to б 6 officials concerning what reimbursement rate for depositions that were taken in the Connecticut 7 7 Connecticut Medicaid programs would help assure case, and I have been unable to see any such 8 8 access to care by Connecticut Medicaid patients? reference. I may have missed it, but I haven't 9 MR. NALVEN: Objection. Asked and 9 seen it. And my question is, as you sit here today, do you have a recollection of reviewing any 10 10 answered. 11 A. Yeah, not that I -- not that I can 11 of the deposition transcripts in the Connecticut 12 12 case prior to this moment? recall. 13 Q. Do you recall reviewing, in connection 13 A. I received the Connecticut complaints of 14 with preparing of any of your reports in -- say the -- copies of the revised complaints by 14 15 Connecticut, any documents relating to the 15 the manufacturers a while ago and additional 16 reimbursement rates under the Connecticut Medicaid 16 materials I -- there was a lot of AWP materials 17 programs for specific drugs that were actually 17 coming and going. I don't recall whether there 18 used by the State of Connecticut programs? 18 was something specific to the Connecticut -- the 19 A. Not that I recall personally. Again, my 19 Connecticut depositions or not. 20 staff was talking with Connecticut people about 20 Q. And as you sit here -- we can look at it

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1 Q. Do you have a recollection of listing as 2 material reviewed in any of your reports any 3 Connecticut deposition? 4 A. I -- I'd have to -- I'd have to look. I 5 can't recall listing that without checking whether б I listed it. And you probably could tell me 7 better than I can whether I listed it or not. 8-O. Yeah, as I said, I've reviewed --9 MR. NALVEN: The documents say what they 10 say. 11 MR. HEROLD: They say what they say, all 12 right. 13 Q. So, am I correct that you have not up 14 until this moment reviewed depositions of 15 Connecticut Medicaid officials to seek to determine what understanding, if any, they may 16 17 have had with respect to the meaning of AWP? MR. NALVEN: Objection. 18 A. Not that I can recall. 19

Q. Would you find that such testimony to be

A. It would depend on the testimony. I --

instructive to your opinions or not?

but I don't want to take all of our time.

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A. Uhm.

4 Q. All right. I want to show you a 5 document. 6 (CT 0052728-754 marked Exhibit 7 Hartman 062.) 8 Q. Doctor Hartman, I've placed before you 9 what's been marked as Exhibit Hartman 062, which 1.0 was an exhibit to a deposition taken of a witness 11 named McGinley in the Connecticut case. Have you 12 ever seen this document before? 13 A. I do not think so. 14 Q. Just to be accurate, I should say that 15 Exhibit Hartman 062 is the first page of that 16 prior deposition exhibit, plus two other pages 17 which contain information on two GSK drugs, 18 granisetron hydrochloride and ondansetron 19 hydrochloride. It's not the complete document,

but I just want the record to be clear.

But with that clarification, do you

remember seeing this document or some longer

their utilization data, and in the process,

whatever those conversations entailed would be

communicated to me if they were -- if it was

pertinent. But I -- I didn't speak with them

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1 version of it before?

2 A. I -- as I say, the -- my staff may have

- 3 in the process of dealing with accumulating and
- 4 assimilating the utilization data from the state,
- 5 but I don't remember seeing this.
 - Q. Now, if you'd turn to the second page,
- 7 which deals with certain information relating to
- 8 granisetron hydrochloride, do you see that?
- 9 A. I do.

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- 10 Q. Are you aware that granisetron
- hydrochloride is also known as Kytril? 11
- 12 A. I was not.
- 13 Q. Okay. Well, let's assume for the
- 14 purposes of the deposition that we're talking
- 15 about Kytril here.
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 (John Montgomery entered the room.)
- 18 Q. Are you aware, as you sit here today,
- 19 that the State of Connecticut produced in
- 20 discovery this document, along with the
- 21 representation that it contained information about
- 22 the actual allowed charge by Connecticut Medicaid

- Medicaid programs that would be a sum of all of
- 2 these allowed charges for -- for granisetron
- 3 hydrochloride for Kytril for the period of time
- 4 that are included in my reports on the calculation 5
 - of damages.
- 6 So, this I'm assuming are -- I'm not
- 7 sure what level this is or if this is one provider
- 8 or what this is summarizing, but what I've asked
- 9 to see are the aggregations over all the claims
- 10 that were being submitted, subject to -- to the --
- 11 to -- to Medicaid's -- if this was appearing in
- 12 the MAPs program -- in the MAP program.
- 13 O. Now, did you make any efforts during the
- 14 course of your analysis of damages and liability
- 15 in the Connecticut case to determine whether the
- 16 allowed amount under the Connecticut Medicaid
- 17 programs was related in any way to AWP?
- 18 A. I looked at the -- the statutory
- 19 language as it is cited in the -- my January
- 20 declaration that talks about what should be the
- 21 basis for a claim or for an allowed amount. In
- 22 reviewing and doing my MDL analysis, I submitted a

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- 1 during various periods for the drug Kytril?
 - A. Well, what I'm -- what I'm seeing here
- 3 is -- I mean, I -- the data that I have seen is
- 4 the aggregate numbers for these drugs by periods
- 5 where it's been aggregated over the paid amounts
- 6 or the -- the reimbursements or the allowed
- 7 charge. So, I've -- I've not -- I've seen
- 8 aggregations of these, but I don't -- I don't
- 9 remember seeing this individual document that
- 10 would be one part of that aggregation.
- 11 Q. I'm not sure what you mean by
- 12 "aggregations." Can you clarify that?
- 13 A. Well, I see here that there were what
- 14 I'm interpreting to be -- as of April 1st, 2005,
- 15 there was an administration of Kytril with an
- 16 allowed charge of \$7.09, and then I'm seeing that
- 17 in 2004, close to a year before, it was 15.62.
- 18 All of this is for the same -- same dosage. And
- 19 I'm seeing a pattern of -- of allowed amounts.
- 20 Now, what I have seen in the data that we could
- 21 look at is -- in the backup tables here, it would
- be total dollar amounts spent under the different

- 1 -- back at the affirmative stage on the class, I
- 2 submitted an Attachment D that dealt with the
- 3 reliance upon AWP under Medicaid and under
- 4 Medicare and a variety of things.
 - So, I looked to statutory -- what was
- 6 enabled by statute to be allowed, and I didn't do 7
 - a detailed analysis to see whether they -- that
 - they followed the statute or not.
- 9 Q. All right. So, as you sit here today,
- 10 you do not know whether the allowed amounts for
- 11 Kytril for the period reflected on this Exhibit
- 12 Hartman 062 are related to AWP or not --
 - MR. NALVEN: Objection.
 - Q. -- is that right?
- 15 A. The -- under -- I can't -- I can't judge
- 16 whether these are paid at -- at the rate's that
- 17 enabled -- that's related to AWP, just looking at
- 18 this, without looking at other information.
- 19 Q. Now, if you -- you could determine that,
- 20 though, right, by looking at the actual AWP that's
- 21 published and then comparing -- doing whatever
- 22 unit conversions you have to do, and then

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- 2 charges listed for the State of Connecticut,
- 3 correct?
- 4 That could be done.
- 5 O. And would it affect your opinion if,
- 6 after doing that, you discovered that the
- 7 relationships between the Connecticut allowed
- 8 charge and AWP ranged between 56 percent and 137
- 9 percent, depending on which of these numbers is
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- 11 A. I'm sorry. The -- the -- what was it a
- 12 percentage of? You -- you said these numbers
- 13 range between 50 --
- 14 O. Between 56 percent --
- 15 A. -- percent.
- 16 Q. -- of AWP --
- 17 A. Oh, of AWP.
- 18 Q. - and 137 percent of AWP, would that
- 19 affect your opinion as to the impact, if any, of
- 20 AWP on Connecticut's allowed charges?
- 21. A. Well, I would need to see this type of
- 22 data -- five data points for this drug. I'd want

- for this drug -- we're looking at claims here that
- are over a period of six years, and there are only 2
- 3 five claims. I mean, I'd like to see -- I assume
- 4 there's a lot more claims than just these claims.
 - So, I mean, I'd like to see a little
- 6 more data. I don't know -- I don't know what the
- 7 source of this is or if this is just all the
- 8 claims that -- are these all the claims that
- Connecticut paid for Kytril over six years? 9
- 10 Q. Well, do you think it would be important
- 11 for you to know, for example, that there is a
- 12 document that has been produced in the Connecticut
- case called a "Pricing File," which has been 13
- 14 represented through Connecticut witnesses to the
- 15 Defendants to contain the information in
- 16 Connecticut's actual computer systems that are
- used to pay claims? Would it be important to know 17
- 18 about that document?
- 19 MR. NALVEN: Objection.
- 20 A. It would have been my understanding that
- that -- that data would exist somewhere. 21
- 22 Q. Okay.

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- to see many more data points than this, but this 1
- 2 is information that could help inform the -- the
- 3 reliance on the Medicaid reimbursement formulae.
- 4 Q. Did you --
 - (Discussion off the record.)
- 6 Q. Are you aware, Doctor Hartman, based on
- 7 your work in this field, that at times the
- statutory or regulatory reimbursement formula, for
- 9 example, for a state Medicaid program, are not, in
- fact, applied in practice?
- 11 A. I've -- I've not done a study of -- of
- 12 that particular issue that I could render an
- 13 opinion.

- 14 Q. So, you have no opinion on that issue as
- 15 you sit here today?
- 16 A. Well, the opinion that I have is the
- 17 statute is what directs reimbursement, and I would
- assume that that informs the reimbursement 18
- 19 decisions. And I would be surprised to learn that
- 20 reimbursement decisions and allowed amounts were
- 21 totally random, but in terms of narrowing and
- 22 doing -- looking at a set of claims for -- say,

- A. I've worked with that kind of data for 1 2 other states.
- 3 Q. And I believe, in fact, you testified, I
- think, yesterday or the day before -- or possibly 4
- 5 both -- that often a number goes into a system or
- a computer, and it's in there. Do you remember
- 7 all that testimony?
- 8 A. Sure.
- 9 Q. All right. And --
- 10 A. If we're referring to the same
- 11 testimony, but --
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 MR. NALVEN: Objection.
- 14 Q. And if I represent to you that
- 15 Connecticut witnesses have told us the numbers
- contained on this Exhibit Hartman 062 for Kytril 16
- and Zofran are the actual allowed charge numbers 17
- 18 that were put into Connecticut's computer systems
- 19 to determine what to pay on claims, would you
- 20 agree with me that that would be an important
- 21 piece of data for you to take into account?
- 22 MR. NALVEN: Objection.

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1 A. There's no way to judge the importance

- 2 of it without getting the entire claims database
- 3 for all of these drugs and -- and running that
- kind of analysis for every NDC. As we saw in --
- 5 in my responses in the MDL matter, for various J-
- 6 codes, various NDCs were grouped together, and one
- 7 had claims that ranged from zero to \$5,000, and
- 8 that -- so, I -- the -- there are five points that
- 9 are here. I'd need to -- I'd -- I'd -- if -- if I
- 10 were directed to take all of the Medicaid claims
- 11 data for the state and do a type of detailed
- 12 claims analysis, that would be a very time-
- 13 consuming, involved process, which would be --
- 14 which would be informative.

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- 15 Q. Okay. Well, would you agree with me
- 16 that for purposes of calculating whether the State
- 17 of Connecticut has overpaid for Kytril and Zofran,
- 18 and if so, the amount, it would be important to
- 19 know what the state has actually paid.
- 20 A. If the state is not paying what are
- 21 designated as the reimbursement rates as a
- percentage of AWP or the estimated acquisition

cost, although they -- they have just taken as

their estimate of the estimated acquisition cost a

allowed amounts that are unrelated to what they've

O. And what kind of implications would that

A. I would only be able to say that on --

by getting the data until I could over -- it could

mean that some of the damages were overstated,

understated. I'd need to see what -- what -- how

were allowing more or less, you've said it ranged

anywhere from 50 percent to 130 percent. I don't

know whether -- whether most of them are 130

don't know. I need to see all of the data to know

the extent to which that was a factor and -- and

do that kind of an analysis on a major claims-

percent. I mean, these are five points. I just

closely they were adhering to what they were

required to do under the statute. And if they

percentage off of AWP, and there's -- there are

been statutorily told to do, that would have

implications, clearly, for the reliability of --

of the damage calculations.

1 based basis.

- 2 Q. All right. And as opposed to doing
- 3 that, I just want to make sure I understand, for
- 4 the Connecticut Medicaid programs, the way you did
- 5 do the damage analysis is you compared an ASP that
- 6 you developed to the Connecticut regulatory or
- 7 statutory reimbursement rate for the drug at
- 8 issue, and then you determined the spread, and
- 9 then you determined the number of units that would
- 10 be applicable to that spread, and you multiplied.
- 11 Is that basically right?
- 12 A. Well, a better way of putting it is that
- 13 I looked at reimbursement dollars. Given the fact
- 14 that I didn't go to units -- what was provided to
- 15 me was total levels of reimbursement, and if you
- 16 want to walk through the equation, I essentially
- 17 took the ratio of what the -- of what the -- what
- 18 -- how much -- by how much the -- what the drug
- 19 should have cost relative to what it was
- 20 reimbursed at if it were reimbursed at -- at the
- 21 statutory rate, and multiplied that -- so, let's
- 22 say it should have been 40 percent less -- I'm

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- 1 sorry. Probably in many cases it doesn't make
 - 2 sense to look at a formula. But actually looking
 - 3 at this formula might just make it simpler.
 - Q. I'd be willing to bet on that.
 - 5 A. Really. I think you can -- you can
 - 6 handle this. The -- I'm looking at Page 3 of the
 - 7 -- of the January 19th submittal, and there's a
 - 8 whole bunch of, you know, a lot of hieroglyphics
 - 9 with these equations, but the key thing is that
 - 10 we're talking about spreads there in Equation 2-D,
 - an actual spread and a but-for spread. And that
 - 12 translates in equation 3-A into a ratio of a but-
 - for spread and an actual spread. And the but-for
 - 14
 - 1.5 reimbursement at the ASP; and the but-for spread
 - 16 in the nominator is the 92 percent of AWP or 88

 - 19 times dollars. So, I don't multiply it by units.
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 - 22 was 20 percent too high, based on this ratio of

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spread is going to end up being related to

- 17 percent of whatever. And so, I essentially -- it
- 18 turns out to be a fractional multiplication in 3-B
- I say, Look, in a given year the state reimbursed
- 21 under one of the MAP programs \$100,000, but that

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- 2 So, you go to the next equation, and you
- 3 just -- the overcharges are the actual minus the
- 4 but-for. So, I didn't look to find units anywhere
- 5 from state data. I just took the dollars spent
- 6 for each drug and said, Oh, it was 20 percent too
- 7 high, depending on what that spread analysis did.
- 8 I don't know if that helps.
- 9 O. Okay. It does help. So, let me just
- 10 make sure I understand this. If, in fact, the
- 11 state had been reimbursing at a level that was 56
- 12 percent of AWP instead of 90.25 percent of AWP,
- 13 what implication would that have for your findings
- 14 of liability and damage in Connecticut, if any?
- A. It would depend on what -- if the state 16 were reimbursing at 56 percent of AWP -- now,
- 17 let's remember that the range of the spreads you
- 18 gave me on five data points was 130 to 50. So
- 19 we're taking the low end of that spread. I don't
- 20 really know what the data would show, but --
- 21 Q. For -- for a one-year period. Just
- 22 assume that for a one-year period --
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1 A. It was --

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- 2 Q. -- for every Kytril unit the state
- 3 reimbursed at 56 percent of AWP, how would that
- 4 affect your analysis of damages?
- 5 A. And this is --
- 6 Q. For that year.
- 7 A. This is a period of time when the Kytril
- was multi source or is -- I see it listed here by 8
- 9 its molecular name, and so, I'm wondering whether
- 10 over any period of this time it was multi source.
- 11 Now, I can check that, but I don't remember those
- 12 things. Do you know whether it was multi source
- 13 at that time?
- 14 Q. I do.
- 15 A. And what -- what was the answer to that?
- 16 O. It was not.
- 17 A. It was not.
- 18 O. Let's make this a little simpler and
- 19 look at Zofran.
- 20 A. Well, no, no, we can stick --
- 21 Q. Well, the only reason I want to do that
- is 'cause if we're talking in my own hypothetical

- about 2005, my client is not involved, because it
- 2 no longer owned Kytril. So, let's switch to
- 3 Zofran in 2005, and let's make the same
- 4 assumptions that for Zofran in the year 2005 --
 - Am I looking at something here now or
- б are we looking at a different hypothetical?
 - O. You can -- it's the next page.
 - A. It's the -- I didn't realize that's the
- 9 molecular name.
- 10 MR. NALVEN: Can I make a suggestion?
- 11 This is the first time he's seeing a document. If
- 12 you want to pose a hypothetical to him and ask him
- 13 to assume --
 - MR. HEROLD: That's fine. I'll just
- 15 make -- I agree with you. I'll make it a
- 16 hypothetical. If you assume that in the year 2005
- 17 Connecticut reimbursed for Zofran -- for each unit
- of Zofran at 56 percent of AWP instead of 92 --18
- 19 92.5 percent of AWP, how would that affect your
- 20 analysis of liability and damages, if at all?
 - A. Well, it would depend on what the ASP
- 22 was. I'd need to look at -- at the end of the day
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 - that ratio that we just looked at turns out to be
- a ratio. So, in 2005 -- I'm looking at Paragraph
- 15 of the January 15 -- D, under "Medicaid," under
- "MAP," the -- the reimbursement rate that was
- 5 allowed by statute was -- there was a but-for --
- 6 there was a spread -- the actual spread should
- 7 have been -- if this is .9 -- I -- I'd need to
- 8 know what the ASP is in that calculation. I mean,
- 9 the -- I would -- I'd want to -- I'd want to --
- 10 I'd want to work that out to come up with an exact
- 11 answer to that.
- 12 Q. By the way, do you provide anywhere in
- 13 connection with your January 19th Connecticut
- 14 report the ASPs for any of the GSK drugs or any of
- 15 the other drugs, for that matter?
- 16 A. The ASPs would be those found in the MDL
- 17 report for the drugs that appeared in the MDL
- 18 report. So, certainly for your client, that would
- 19 be the case.
- 20 Q. Okay.
 - A. So, you know, I'm not -- I'm not ready,
- without thinking about this a little more

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carefully, to answer that question.

2 Q. Well, stepping aside from damages for a

3 second, would it affect your opinion at all with

- 4 respect to the basic issue of whether the State of
- 5 Connecticut was defrauded by an AWP that it was,
- in fact, reimbursing at 56 percent of AWP in one
- 7 year and 84 percent of AWP in another year and 137
- 8 percent of AWP in another year? Would that affect
- 9 your opinion or not?
 - MR. NALVEN: Objection.
- 11 A. It -- it would be something I would like
- 12 to consider.

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- Q. And you have not considered that at this
- 14 point, is that correct?
- 15 A. That's right.
 - Q. Okay. I want to ask you a few questions
- 17 about how you determined utilization, and I think
- 18 your January 19th report at Page -- at Appendix B
- 19 might help us on that. And I'm trying to
- 20 understand what you did.
- 21 A. Okay.
- 22 Q. By the way, one thing you say in various

- Redbook is higher. The -- the spread between WAC
- 2 and AWP has changed and moved up in First Data
- 3 Bank in a period of time from 20 to 25 percent,
- 4 but because of the timing of the reporting in
- 5 Redbook and it -- they don't update it -- I mean,
- there might be a point in time where you look at
- 7 Redbook, it is actually higher than First Data
- 8 Bank, and it just has to do with reporting and --
- 9 to Redbook and how they update their data. So,
- 10 that's -- I couldn't -- I wouldn't want to make a
- 11 general statement of that.
- 12 Q. All right. Do you know whether the
- 13 State of Connecticut, in obtaining information
- 14 about drug pricing, used First Data Bank or
- 15 Redbook or some other service?
- A. My guess would be -- well, I don't want 16
- 17 to guess, so I'd have to say I'm not sure.
- 18 Q. Okay. Now, with respect to what you
- 19 call "Connecticut MAP damages" on -- in Appendix B
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- 21 A. Right.
- 22 Q. -- I'm still struggling to understand

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places in this report is that in determining the

- 2 AWPs, you used First Data Bank, is that correct?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. Why did you use First Data Bank and not
- 5 Redbook?
- 6 A. For the purposes here we -- we found
- 7 that with -- First Data Bank is generally easier
- to use, and because we were extending the number
- 9 of drugs beyond the -- the MDL setting, and we had
- 10 needed it to -- we were doing this as we were
- getting final data between the submission of the
- 12 expert disclosure and the -- the calculation of
- 13 damages, the First Data Bank was just easier to
- 14 work with.
- 15 Q. Am I -- I believe you testified earlier
- 16 about this, but am I correct that during the last
- 17 few years, the AWPs reported by First Data Bank
- 18 have often been higher than the AWPs reported by
- 19 Redbook for the same NDCs?
- 20 MR. NALVEN: Objection.
- 21 A. There have been differences. It's --
- 22 it's -- it's interesting to note that sometimes

- 1 how you determined the number of units of, for
- 2 example, Zofran that were paid for by Connecticut
- 3 Medicaid programs during the relevant period. Can
- 4 you explain that to me.
- 5 A. I -- I would be glad to. Let me see if
- 6 it's presented in a way -- (Witness reviews
- 7 document.) Okay. Let's -- let's turn, if you
- 8 would, to Page 3 of Attachment B.
- 9 Q. I'm with you.
- 10 A. Got that? So, by the programs under
- 11 MAP, the Medicaid reimbursement damages, the GA
- 12 reimbursement damages, Saga, S-a-g-a and ConnPace,
- 13 we had data sources that were total dollar amounts
- 14 paid, either by NDC or it could be by J-Code. And
- 1.5 so, it was total dollars. It was units times
- 16 allowed amount, and the -- given those total
- 17 dollars, if you now return to the belly of the
- 18 beast that are the equations back on Page 3, we
- 19 calculate spreads on 3-A and 3-B -- well, 3-A,
- 20 where we have the spreads related to the
- 21 acquisition cost calculation -- the ASPs -- we
- 22 have the actual spreads in the denominator based

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on a percentage of AWP -- 92 percent of AWP, 90.5

- 2 percent of AWP, depending on the drug, the multi
- 3 source, single source, the year, and there's that
- 4 -- that creates a ratio in 3-A, which in 3-B we
- 5 multiply by total dollar amounts, which are the
- 6 sums that are -- these total reimbursement dollars
- 7 that are the source data here, claims dollars,
- 8 rather than claims units -- paid amount on Page 3
- 9 Appendix B.
- 10 And so, we have -- we essentially say,
- 11 look, here's the total amount they paid, and based
- 12 on the statutory interpretation of the acquisition
- 13 cost and AWP and the percentages off of AWP and
- 14 assuming that's what's informing reimbursement on
- 15 average, that's going to mean that the actual --
- 16 the but-for reimbursements may have -- may be 75
- 17 percent of actual reimbursements. So that it
- 18 should have been 25 percent less or it -- maybe it
- 19 was -- maybe it's 10 percent of actual
- 20 reimbursement. Should have been 90 percent less.
- 21 That's determined by these -- the two sets of
- 22 spreads here which come from the ASPs, the spread

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- calculations that come out of the materials that
- 2 are in the -- for the ASPs for your -- for GSK's
- 3 drugs in the MDL report.
- 4 Q. Okay. So, you mention that you got data
- 5 by either NDC or J-Code with total reimbursement
- 6 numbers, correct?
- 7 A. That's right.
- 8 Q. What was the source of that data?
- 9 A. The source is from the state, and you
- will see on Page 3, Appendix B, the text files,
- 11 source data, 1993 to 1997 and 1998 to 2003, these
- were by NDC, they were reported to us, total
- 13 dollars amount spent by the state under the MAP
- 14 program.
- These were files that were just sent to
- 16 us we corroborated for some subset of years. We
- 17 tested them against what was listed on the CMS Web
- 18 site and found that they were sufficiently
- 19 corroborative, and the same for the general
- 20 assistance amounts. Those are -- there are the
- 21 text files, which I assume we've produced for you.
- 22 I'm assuming you asked for them, and they've been

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- 1 produced. Dollar amounts by year under Saga, by
- 2 NDC and then for ConnPace.
- Q. Do you know whether EDS was the source
- 4 of this -- of these files?
- 5 A. I'd have to -- I could find that out. I
- 6 don't know.
- 7 O. Do you understand that EDS is the --
- 8 A. I do.
- 9 Q. -- data vendor?
- 10 A. I do.
- 11 Q. What's the right word?
- 12 A. Electric Data Systems. I think it's
- 13 Ross Perot's former company, but it's --
- 14 Q. Right.
- 15 A. Yeah. I mean, it's -- EDS is what it's
- 16 known as, and they're a data processing group that
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- 18 Q. Right. I believe they play a part in
- 19 the Connecticut Medicaid program -- that they
- 20 administer the data --
 - A. Uh-huh.
 - Q. -- for the program. Is that your

- 1 understanding?
- 2 A. I didn't -- I know who -- I've heard of
- 3 EDS and who they used to be, whether they're now
- 4 what they used to be or been assimilated by
- 5 someone else, I don't know whether these were
- 6 internal numbers or a vendor or what. We just --
- 7 I asked my staff to get these numbers. They got
- 8 the numbers, and we subjected them to the quality
- 9 control while we could, and --
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. -- and found them reliable.
- 12 Q. Do you know when you got this data from
- 13 the state?
- 14 A. It was -- this was, again, also a
- 15 rolling production. I mean, I would ask, and they
- 16 would say, Well, we got this year and that year,
- 17 but we couldn't get this year and -- and I don't
- 18 know what -- I didn't pay attention, now in
- 19 retrospect, that I kept a timeline on that.
- MR. HEROLD: That's another thing we're
- 21 going to specifically ask for is when Doctor
 - 2 Hartman received the data that we've just been

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referring to here in Appendix B from the state.

2 MR. NALVEN: It's noted.

3 MR. HEROLD: Thank you.

A. You'll notice that some data we still

- didn't -- haven't received from the state. We --
- 6 say the ConnPace data, we only received data from
- 7 '98 through 2003. We didn't get any data '93
- 8 through '97. So, we didn't get data for the
- 9 general assistance going back to '93.
- 10 Q. Okay.

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- 11 A. Oh -- or '9 -- (Witness reviews
- 12 document.) Oh, there were two years for which it
- 13 wasn't available, '93 and '97 for general
- 14 assistance.
- 15 So, this was the type of issues. We'd
- 16 get a few years, and we'd say, We need the rest of
- them, let's get it. And then it would -- it would 17
- 18 come to us, but I didn't track precisely when it
- 19 came in.

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- 20 Q. Okay. All right. Now, I want to shift
- 21 for just a second to your methodology for
- 22 determining the damage numbers for consumers in

the State of Connecticut. Am I correct first that

types of consumers in the State of Connecticut,

who make copays, and the second type being

consumers who were uninsured, is that right?

you sought to determine a damage number for two

the first type being consumers covered by Medicare

- because I'm now looking at them. So let me
- 2 withdraw that question. Let me ask another
- 3 question. Let's stick with the Medicare copay
- 4 damages for consumers. How did you go about
- 5 determining the number of consumers in the State
- of Connecticut who made Medicare copay payments
- 7 for Zofran?
- 8 A. If you look at attach -- Appendix B --
- 9 O. Uh-huh.
- 10 A. -- Page 4 --
- 11 Q. Uh-huh.
- 12 A. -- we received data from the state, and
- 13 whether they received it from CMS, I don't know,
- 14 or whether they -- how this sharing occurred, but
- 15 if you look at -- under the description of the
- 16 calculations in Table 3-B, "Medicare Copay Damages
- 17 __'''
- 18 O. Uh-huh.
- 19 A. -- we essentially had data that
- 20 calculated or we were told calculated the total
- 21 amount of Medicare payments by J-Code for
- 22 different drugs for the state in the amount that

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- 1 was approved and the amount that was paid. The
 - 2 amount that was approved was the total amount, and
 - 3 the amount paid was the 80 percent. And we were
 - 4 instructed by the state that the difference is the
 - 5 -- was the 20 percent remainder copay that had to
 - 6 be covered somewhere.
 - 7 And so, that -- that -- those two
 - numbers from the state, which I -- well, okay,
 - 9 which -- which we received from the state -- and
 - 10 as I say, I would assume are available to you --
 - 11 are the basis for both Table 3-B and 3-C, because
 - 12 essentially, we're saying, Look, Medicare
 - 13 generated -- Medicare reimbursement, what was
 - 14 filed with Medicare out of your state was -- was
 - 15 so much, and we've allowed -- we've approved 100
 - 16 percent of it. We've paid 80 percent of it.
 - 17 There's 80 -- there's 20 percent unpaid.
 - 18 And so, if we go back to the schematic
 - 19 in the MDL report where I do the damages from the
 - 20 top down and we do the Medicare branch and the
 - 21 nonMedicare, and Medicare breaks into the 80
 - percent and then the 20 percent copay, what this

A. That's -- we tried to -- to make

8 calculations of damages for as many groups as we

- 9 could, but those are the ones that we ended up
- 10 where the data allowed us to do that.
- 11 Q. All right. Let's start with the --
- 12 well, first of all, am I correct that you
- 13 presented the results of your damage estimates for
- 14 both Medicare copay consumers and uninsured
- 15 consumers in the same tables in your reports, is
- 16 that right?
- 17 MR. NALVEN: In the damages
- 18 calculations?
- 19 A. We're talking about the January damages
- 20 calculations?
- 21 O. Yeah, okay. I think I know the answer
- to that question, which is no, that's not right,

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subtraction is is the 20 percent copay related to

2 amounts that were reimbursed in the State of

3 Connecticut, as we were told the data informed us.

4 Q. Okay. So, the data that you got on this

issue you got from the State of Connecticut with a

6 representation that the data reflected the number

7 of Connecticut Medicare payments made in the State

8 of Connecticut.

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A. The dollar amount -- this was CMS data,

10 so it was shared -- I mean, so I'm assuming it's

11 both CMS and Connecticut. And what direction it

12 came from, I don't know. But it was the -- the

13 amount of Medicare reimbursements by -- by drug

14 that -- that occurred in a given year and that

15 were approved by Medicare and has paid, and that

16 takes care -- and they paid the 80 percent on that

17 schematic. 20 percent remained. When we take the

18 difference between approved minus amount paid, we

19 were told that was the remaining amount of 20

20 percent copay related to all reimbursements that

21 were tracked by CMS for Connecticut for those

22 drugs in that year. 1360

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told it meant. Should, on rebuttal, your experts

2 find that those are numbers that need to be looked

3 at more closely, that's something that can be

4 done, clearly. But that's -- that's what we were

5 informed, and we took -- we were directed to use

6 it; that it was reliable, and we've assumed that.

Q. All right. So, in other words, you

8 didn't test yourself whether or not the CMS

9 Medicare data you got from Connecticut was, in

10 fact, sorted by CMS so that it was just

11 Connecticut data or, for example, whether

12 Connecticut took the CMS data as a whole on copays

13 and applied some percentage to estimate the number

14 of Connecticut copays?

15 A. No, they didn't do it on copays.

MR. NALVEN: Objection.

17 O. Or on Medicare payments. I'm sorry.

18 A. Yeah, they did it on payments.

Q. Right.

20 A. And amount paid.

21 Q. Right.

A. And the copay is the residual, and I

think I've answered the question you're asking. I

2 -- I've -- I assumed they knew what they were

3 doing and they were giving us the right number.

4 Q. Do you have a -- do you have the data

5 that they got -- I'm sorry. Strike that. Do you

6 have the data on Medicare -- Connecticut Medicare

7 payments that Connecticut gave to you, along with

8 whatever explanations of that data provided to you

9 by the State of Connecticut?

10 A. We must.

11 Q. Do you know whether that's been produced

12 to the Defendants in this case?

13 A. I would have assumed that it had been or

that you guys would have been hammering on us with 14

15 -- with gusto, but I -- but I don't know. We can

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Q. We've only had since February 14th to 17

18 hammer, so --

19 A. But you're very good at hammering.

20 Q. There might be more hammering ahead.

21 Okay. Now, let's turn to the last category that

is damages that you calculated for nonMedicare

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Q. Okay. So, is it your understanding that the CMS Medicare data sorts by state?

A. It's my understanding that the CMS data 3 allows us to do this calculation, or Connecticut

5 wouldn't have told us that that's what it meant.

б Q. Well, have you -- have you -- you can 7 look at the CMS data yourself, correct?

A. One can, yes.

9 Q. And can one look at the CMS data and if,

10 in fact, it can be sorted by state, sort it by 11

state yourself? Could you have done that?

12 A. We were -- we had asked Connecticut to 13 supply this information to us, and -- and it was

14 supplied, and we were given no grounds to be told

15 that this may not be the correct information or 16

the correct interpretation.

So, we have taken it as given that this is reliable. Now, if you're telling me -- I mean,

18 19 we did confirm certain things, but that was

20 something we didn't have the time to confirm, nor

were we told it was something that was likely that needed confirming. So, we took it as what we were

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uninsured consumers in the State of Connecticut.

- And I direct your attention to Page 5 -- well,
- 3 it's the last page of your January 19th report.

4 Can you tell us how you went about

5 calculating damages to nonMedicare uninsured

6 consumers in the State of Connecticut?

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A. This was very much the way -- this is

- 8 essentially the -- the methodology as described in
- 9 the MDL report, start -- because we had -- there
- 10 were -- one of the Defendants for which we had
- 11 national data. We could start at -- at the
- 12 national sales, break it out to Medicare,
- 13 nonMedicare, using the percentages of NAMCS and
- 14 the various types of calculations that we -- that
- 15 we did in the MDL report. We -- we looked at in
- 16 this -- in the January 2006 set of calculations we
- 17 looked at those units where the spread exceeded
- 18 the 30-percent threshold on -- for nonMedicare,
- 19 and we -- the -- so, the Connecticut units were --
- 20 well, Connecticut units times the uninsured
- 21 consumer proportion and the uninsured consumer
- proportion came from the NAMCS survey, and the

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- 1 at population, we're going to have to look at data
- 2 on physician-administered drugs and all retail
- 3 drugs.

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- 4 Q. Uh-huh.
 - A. And they probably track fairly well with
- 6 population, but we use retail sales as a measure
- 7 of all sales of drugs.
- 8 O. Okay. Okay. So, I want to make sure I 9 understand a couple of other things about this.
- 10 First of all, with respect to your January 19th
- 11 report, am I correct is it -- I believe it says
- 12 here on Page 5 that in calculating liability in
- 13 damages for this particular group of payers, the
- 14 uninsured consumers, I applied the 30-percent
- 15 yardstick?
- 1.6 A. For the calculation —
- 17 MR. NALVEN: Objection.
- 18 A. -- of damages. We're talking about
- 19 damages here. I was -- it was in excess of --
- 20 anything in excess of 30 percent ---
 - Q. Okay.
- 22 A. -- for the nonMedicare --

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1 Q. Consumer.

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- 2 A. -- consumer.
- 3 Q. So, that would be basically the person
- 4 out there with no insurance, is that right? It
- 5 says, "uninsured."
- 6 A. That's right.
- 7 Q. All right. And then am I correct that
- 8 in your subsequent Connecticut report,
- 9 supplemental report dated February 9th, 2006, you
- 10 did not apply the 30-percent yardstick to this
- 11 portion of the group being analyzed, but instead,
- 12 applied what we've come to call the zero
- 13 yardstick, is that right?
- 14 A. We've -- what has been termed by some as
- 15 the "zero yardstick," and I've termed it as a
- 16 strict reading of the Medicare reimbursement
- 17 guidelines.
- 18 Q. All right. Now, let's talk about the
- 19 uninsured consumer a little bit, 'cause I -- I
- 20 want to try to understand your logic here.
- 21 If we're talking about an uninsured
- consumer purchasing a physician-administered drug

- allocation to Connecticut units of the national
- 2 units was the 1.35 percent based on our best --
- 3 the best data we could get our hands on. That
- 4 happened to be Kaiser Foundation data relating to
- 5 retail sales of prescription drugs.
- 6 So, essentially, we went from the
- 7 national to the state using an analogous approach
- 8 as in the MDL.
- 9 Q. So, that's the same data set, the Kaiser
- 10 Foundation data relating to retail prescription
- 11 drugs that you described yesterday when you talked
- 12 about the data set that you used to estimate the
- size of the Massachusetts-only class, is that
- 14 right?
- 15 A. Right. And it's --
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. -- the Massachusetts class, I think, was
- 18 like 2.3 percent, and this is 1.35 percent. So,
- 19 the retail sales of total prescriptions filled,
- 20 you know, are -- one could use -- absent detailed 21
- state and percentages, we're going to have to look

data from you folks on how many units you sell by

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such as Zofran or Kytril, they would walk into the 1

- 2 doctor's office; they would get the drug; they
- 3 would get a bill; and they would pay the bill or
- 4 not pay the bill, is that right?
 - A. Uhm.

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- Q. No insurance involved.
- 7 A. That's right.
 - Q. Now, how does spread have any impact on
- 9 that transaction at all?
- 10 A. The -- it assumes that the doctor bills
- 11 the uninsured person as it would bill any -- any
- 12 payer. So, essentially, I'm -- I'm a doc, someone
- 13 comes in, I send out an invoice, and I'm relating
- 14 it to AWP, and it's an AWP that's in excess of 30
- 15 percent, and I discovered that ten of my 1,500
- 16 patients in a given year were uninsured, and that
- 17 bill went to them where I was doing my
- reimbursement as I normally would for the 18
- 19 uninsured -- for the nonMedicare group of payers.
- 20 O. Have you undertaken any effort to
- 21 determine whether doctors do, in fact, charge
- 22 uninsured patients at AWP?

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1 -- by mistake when you changed the ASP to include

Q. Okay. Now, in including hospitals in

calculating damages under the second report, to

A. In both cases the data that we -- that

I've relied on for the reimbursement under the --

reimbursements. So, that was dollars times units.

For the -- for the Medicare copay, it

was also the same dollar amounts of units. So

that that base data didn't change. For the -- for

the same units that we had before. So, it was --

we didn't change the number of units that went

units that were subject to the -- to the January

Q. Okay. So, the -- so your intention was

certainly to keep the same units, is that correct?

Q. All right. And if it turns out that it

through the hospitals. It was still the same

the uninsured nonMedicare consumer, we maintained

under the MAP set of programs were dollar

include units that were actually administered in a

calculating your ASP, was it your intention, when

2 sales to hospitals, you also inadvertently

3 imported units that were administered in

4 hospitals, you would agree that that's something

that should be corrected for purposes of your 5

6 damage analysis, correct?

A. That's correct.

MR. NALVEN: Objection.

- 8 A. If information -- if any information is
- 9 brought forward that shows that -- in our
- 10 interpretation or use of your data, which your 11
- client is certainly closer to than ours, we will
- 12 be glad to take that -- those refinements into
- 13 account should they prove to be merited and should
- 14 they be needed.
- 15 MR. HEROLD: Okay. That's all I have.
- 16 Thank you.
- 17 MR. NALVEN: Let's take five.
- VIDEO OPERATOR: The time is 2:51. This 18
- is the end of Cassette 3. We are off the record. 19
- 20 (Recess was taken.)
- 21 VIDEO OPERATOR: The time is 3:01 p.m.
- This is the beginning of Tape No. 3 in the

1 MR. NALVEN: Objection.

- 2 A. I have found anecdotal information, but
- 3 I've really not been asked to do a comprehensive
- 4 enough analysis to draw conclusions about that.
- 5 Q. So, you're making an assumption here for
- 6 purposes of your analysis, but you haven't studied 7 it sufficiently to determine whether it's just an
- 8 assumption or whether it's an assumption that has
- 9 a basis in fact, is that right?

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- MR. NALVEN: Objection.
- 11 A. I'm making an assumption, and I've seen
- 12 no evidence that leads me to conclude one way or
- 13 the other whether that's a good assumption or not
- 14 or a sufficient amount of evidence to make me come
- 15 to -- that allowed me to come to the conclusion.
- 16 Q. With respect to your last Connecticut 17 report dated February 9th, am I correct that you
- 18 changed the way you calculated ASP so that you
- 19 included hospitals, as opposed to your earlier
- 20 report where your ASPs did not include hospitals?
- 21 A. That's correct. The -- the complete
- description of that change is in Paragraph 1-A.

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FURTHER EXAMINATION 5 BY MR. KAUFMAN:

6 Q. Doctor Hartman, computing the 7 reimbursement for a generic drug under Medicare

8 between 1992 and 2003 involved computing the

9 median AWP for that drug, correct?

A. At a minimum.

11 Q. Yes, that's right. It's one step. Now,

12 it's the median in what class?

A. It's the median in the class of

14 generics.

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15 Q. Not all generics, though, right?

16 A. Well, it's generics within that -- that

17 dosage or that are -- that are equivalent or that

18 are considered within that group.

19 Q. So, is it all NDCs within the same J-

20 Code?

21 A. It is my understanding that it is all --

yes, I think that would be a fair way of saying

the -- in the

hierarchy without that data

3 Q. Now, calculating the but-for 4 reimbursement for a Medicare generic likewise

5 involved computing the but-for median AWP,

6 correct?

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7 A. In -- in the periods of time -- are we 8 talking now under -- under a Medicare

9 reimbursement formulation? What are you --

Q. Yes. Medicare is what I'm talking 11 about.

12 A. Okay, under Medicare. Under Medicare

13 the but-for reimbursement rate when we would be

14 looking are to -- when we went in 2004 when it

15 went to 85 percent of the AWP and it just didn't 16 look at the -- as you were saying -- through 2003,

17 it would require calculating but-for AWPs for all

18 of the generics.

19 Q. That year you found you didn't have the

20 data sufficient to compute the median AWP,

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A. In that year we would have needed data

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Q. But is that what you did?

A. What we did was we got as much

4 information as we could on all the generics that

5 was -- that -- information that were feasible to

6 work with, and we used Ready Price to do that so

7 that Ready Price had a subset of the generics.

8 So, we generally had a pretty good cross-section

9 such that the median that we were able to estimate

10 from our sample we found and believed to be

11 representative of the median of the broader set.

12 Q. But median is a matter of count, not

13 just average, correct?

A. It's a matter of count and average.

15 It's a matter of distribution and count.

O. So, in order to know whether you had the

17 median, you had to know the count.

A. We had to know the count of the drug --

19 we were looking for a median of the sample of

20 drugs for which we had generic AWPs. We didn't

21 look for a count of all the ones for those -- for

which we didn't have an AWP, 'cause we wouldn't

from at least a substantial number of generic 1

2 companies to do that calculation, and we didn't --

3 we didn't do that.

> Q. Why -- why wasn't that also required for the earlier years from '92 through 2003?

6 MR. NALVEN: Objection.

A. Because under Medicare the reimbursement

rate was the estimated acquisition cost or the

median of the generic -- of the generic prices,

10 and so, the drugs were out there, as they were,

and we weren't -- we weren't calculating but-for

12 AWPs for all the other drugs.

Q. Let's take a particular NDC of

14 Albuterol, a generic drug. In 1997 you find that

15 the spread is greater than 30 percent, and

16 therefore, its AWP has to be recomputed to the

17 but-for AWP -- this is in 1992. You find that its

18 AS -- you know its ASP. In order to determine what

19 the but-for AWP is for that NDC of Albuterol,

20 don't you have to find -- or the reimbursement

21 rate for it -- don't you have to find the median

but for AWP?

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1	A. No.	1	Q. Let me ask this question a different
2	Q. Why not?	2	way, 'cause I think we're not communicating.
3	A. What in in looking at in	3	Let's suppose that the particular NDC that you say
4	proceeding sequentially in a threshold with the	4	was overpriced its AWP was more than 30 percent
5	threshold, I first look at whether Albuterol	5	higher than its ASP.
6	exceeded the threshold of the expect the market	6	A. Uh-huh.
7	expectations we've been talking about, the upper	7	Q. It was below the median. So, in
8	bound, the 30 percent. If if it did, then it	8	historical fact, it was reimbursed at the AWP of a
9	was in the in the December 15th analysis it was	9	different drug, the median.
10	included for damages under Medicare, and if it was	10	A. (Witness nods.)
11	included for damages under Medicare, what I'm	11	Q. Now, in the but-for world, its AWP is
12	I'm just saying that in that case it had exceeded	12	lowered yet more to reflect what you say its AWP
13	the threshold of liability; the damage	13	should have been. It's now even farther below the
14	calculations are formulaically set out; they don't	14	median, but it's not being reimbursed at its AWP.
15	require another but-for analysis. They've already	15	It's being reimbursed at the median.
16	they've exceeded the the spread in that	16	A. Well
17	threshold, and now, if that has been the case,	17	Q. Right? Isn't that correct?
18	then the damages are calculated as the the CFR	18	A. Well, let's let's focus on that
19	indicates.	19	Q. Yes.
20	Q. And the CFR indicates that you reimburse	20	A because I'm not
21	at the lower of the median AWP for the generics in	21	Q. Please, I'd like us to do
22	a J-Code or EAC, right?	22	A. We are talking past one another. Let's

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MR. NALVEN: Objection. 1 2 A. That's right. Q. So, you'd have to find the median AWP 3 for all of the generics in the J-Code. 5 A. The -- what we did was we looked for as many median generics within the J-Code that were 7 available in Ready Price that were easily accessible with -- and so, we -- we pulled those 9 together, and what that would -- you know, in some 10 years I've looked at Albuterol, you know, we were -- there were 10 or 15 --11 12 Q. Uh-huh. 13 A. -- different generic formulations 14 available. Some years Ready Price didn't have all 15

of them, but it was impossible for us in the time

frame to go to Redbook or to pull this information 16

17 up from all of the Redbook sources and the median

18 that came from the subset of drugs provided a

19 sufficiently reliable calculation to do -- to do

the analysis of what the difference was between

what the payment should have been under Medicare

and the estimated acquisition cost.

1 come up with some alternative situations. 2

Q. No. No. Please, just answer my

question. Isn't it true that it should have been

reimbursed at the median AWP of the NDCs in the J-

5 Code, correct? Correct?

6 A. A given drug should be reimbursed at the

7 median AWP of the J-Code.

Q. And if changing the AWP of this 8

particular NDC does not affect the median, it does

10 not affect reimbursement, correct?

11 A. If the -- if a given drug -- the --

12 there's two things going on there. You said if

changing the AWP affected something --13

Q. No. No. I never said that. 14

15 A. You said if changing -- I heard you say

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17 Q. Let me say it again then.

18 A. Okay.

Q. If changing the AWP does not affect the 19

20 median, then it does not affect reimbursement.

21 A. Okay. Well, you're not -- you know,

you're choosing what you're saying. You didn't

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- 1 say that, and it doesn't change things. If
- 2 changing the AW -- we're looking at a state of the
- 3 world here. Let's see. There's a number of
- 4 things changing at one time. So, suppose we have
- 5 a set of drugs here, and we have a version of
- 6 Albuterol, and suppose it's your version of
- 7 Albuterol.
- 8 Q. Okay. So far we agree.
- 9 A. Okay. And suppose now I look at the
- 10 median AWP, and its spread is 35 percent, let's
- 11 say.
- 12 Q. Spread from what, from a median ASP?
- A. I'm saying its own -- I'm looking at its
- 14 own pricing. I'm not looking at reimburse -- I'm
- 15 looking at its pricing behavior of how it -- it
- 16 sets AWP and the signals for its own drugs. I'm -
- 17 --- the --
- 18 Q. Go ahead. This is your -- you're the
- 19 witness. You go ahead.
- A. Okay. I'm glad you're going to allow me
- 21 that. You can ask the questions, but let me
- 22 answer them. I'm looking at manufacturer behavior

- 1 O. This is arithmetic. This is not
 - 2 economics. This is arithmetic.
 - A. I'm -- let's -- let's slow this down
 - 4 here so that it makes -- so that it's a record
 - 5 that I understand that comports with what has been
 - 6 stated in my -- in my opinion -- in my opinions.
 - 7 Right now there may be ten drugs; there
 - 8 may be 15 drugs; there may be 20 drugs. Five of
- 9 them may have the same AWP. 10 of them may have
- 10 the same AWP. It can encompass any variation of
- 11 what you're doing. You come to that set of drugs
- 12 and, bang, we pick the median, okay?
- Now, for -- per your hypothesis or your.
- 14 hypothetical, I'm understanding you to say that
- 15 that median is whatever it is, but Shering's drug
- 16 is below that median.
- 17 Q. Yes.
- 18 A. Okay.
- 19 Q. That's the hypothesis.
- 20 A. Please, let's not add any detail. Let
- 21 me just -- let me stay -- let's keep going from
- 22 there. Thank you. Okay. Now, if that -- if

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- 1 in setting AWPs and whether that's a signal for
- 2 what the underlying ASPs is. So far we're not
- 3 talking anything about a Medicare reimbursement.
- 4 It's how AWP is set. And so, AWP is one of the
- 5 many AWPs that are going to enter into this
- 6 median, okay? So, so far we're together.
- 7 Now, suppose your client -- suppose the
- 8 median -- another drug company out there is
- 9 setting its AWP in excess of the 30-percent
- 10 threshold. That's the median, okay?
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. Well, I mean that you're --
- Q. Well, the median is a number. It might
- 14 be one drug company's or it might be six?
- 15 A. Okay.
- 16 Q. There may be six, there may be 12, and
- 17 their spreads may all be different. The median is
- 18 just a number that is midway between, with as many
- 19 on top as below. It's not a particular company.
- 20 It's a number, right?
- 21 MR. NALVEN: Objection.
- 22 A. You --

- 1 Shering's AWP and how they are setting that
- 2 relative to ASP determines its behavior. I mean,
- 3 that -- well, it's setting its ASP. It's not
- 4 setting the median. It has no control over the
- 5 median, although in a -- in drug companies where
- 6 you have a small number of competitors there is
- 7 going to be some indeterminacy among all of the
- 8 prices. But if there's a median AWP that's out
- prices. Dut it dictes a median five diates out
- 9 there and it happens to be that Shering's is below
- 10 that, and Shering's relationship to its ASP is
- 11 less than 30 percent --
- 12 Q. That's not my hypothesis.
- A. Well, I'm just -- I'm going through
- 14 alternative.
- Q. Why don't you go through mine first.
- 16 A. I see. So, you want to go -- you want
- 17 to make it above 30 percent?
- 18 Q. It's above 30 percent.
- 19 A. Okay. So, you're saying it's above 30
- 20 percent, and so, they've -- according to the --
- 21 according to the expectations, they've exceeded
- 22 the threshold of -- of liability, and under the --

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1384 1382 1 THE WITNESS: Okay. once they've done that, they've tripped the speed 1 2 Q. Okay. Here's the situation: You're limit. Now, it -- you happen to be in the analogy 2 3 wrong in thinking that EAC is an alternative to 3 we had before. You happen to have not just one 4 median AWP as a basis for reimbursing generic car exceeding the speed limit, but you have, like, 4 drugs from '92 to '97. You're wrong. five drag racing, and the ticket price is set to 5 6 A. Is this an assumption? 6 the guy who's speeding -- or the median speeder. 7 Q. Yes. This is an assumption. 7 So, you've exceeded the -- you're -- the 8 8 threshold of your drug has been exceeded, but A. Okay. 9 Q. This is an assumption. And you're also 9 under Medicare, the damages are set by a rule that wrong when you think that actual charge from 1998 is geared toward the median AWP. 10 10 to 2003 is the amount charged to the physician, Q. So, tell me how to compute the damages 11 11 12 rather than the amount charged by the physician. 12 in that situation. 13 So that in that whole time period, from 1992 13 A. The damages in that situation are the through 2003, the actual reimbursement regime in 14 median AWP, if that's -- if -- if we're in a year 14 effect under Medicare for generic drugs is to 15 when it's the lesser of the median AWP and the 15 16 reimburse at the median of the AWPs for the estimated acquisition cost, then it's -- the 16 generics within the J-Code. Okay. That's the damages are the median AWP, minus the estimated 17 17 assumption. On that assumption -- okay, on that 18 acquisition cost, and that -- times the number of 18 assumption you are to tell me, please, how do you 19 19 20 compute damages for Shering's having priced its 20 Q. That's because you're assuming your 21 Albuterol at more than 30 percent of its ASP when interpretation of the regulation in that instance 21 still its AWP is below the median? that makes EAC identical with ASP, despite the 1385 1383 1 MR. NALVEN: Objection. fact that Medicare was telling everyone not to do Q. Okay. Do you understand the hypothesis? 2 2 that. So, assume for me for now --3 3 A. Well, let me see. What I'm A. Well, what --4 understanding you to ask me to assume is -- not 4 Q. Let's just --5 that I'm wrong globally or --5 A. Wait a minute. What --6 6 Q. No. Q. Let's just assume --7 7 A. That's not -- you've -- you've just A. -- or as a human being, but in my 8 interpretation of the Medicare statute that it was 8 introduced something. 9 9 Q. But I haven't asked you a question. So, not the lesser of the estimated acquisition cost and the median AWP, but it was only the median 10 10 you should wait until I do. MR. NALVEN: Let him ask the question. 11 11 AWP, and that was the amount charged. Is -- is 12 that -- and that -- is that --12 Q. My question --13 A. You've characterized --13 Q. That is the --14 A. That's the way you're saying the statute 14 Q. My question -- you can characterize me 15 15 really did work or that's -afterwards. Q. That was the regulation at that time, 16 16 MR. NALVEN: Let him ask the question. 17 I'm asking you to assume. And in that context, 17 Q. Right now let me ask you the question. Shering's Albuterol has an AWP that's greater than 18 MR. NALVEN: And give me an opportunity 18 19 - more than 30 percent. 19 to object to all the assumptions in the question. 20 20 A. Uh-huh. THE WITNESS: Okay.

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MR. NALVEN: And then you can answer the

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question.

Q. Higher than its ASP, but still below the

median AWP for the J-Code. In that situation,

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ŀ	1	what damages are properly assessed against	1	A. Okay. I'm sorry. Let me turn to that.
ľ	2	Warrick. It is actually not Shering. Okay, please	2	Q. Yes, please. I think that's Exhibit
ľ	3	tell me that.	3	Hartman 023.
l	4	MR. NALVEN: Objection.	4	A. And I'm sorry. Which
l	5	A. My my damage is subsidiary to the	5	Q. J.7.A.
l	6	threshold calculation, and if you're telling me	6	A. J.7.A. Okay.
l	7	that a the proper interpretation of the	7	Q. It's almost at the end.
ŀ	8	Medicare statutes never had a reliance upon	8	A. Right. Okay.
ŀ	9	acquisition cost as an alternative or as a lesser	9	Q. Okay. Near the bottom let me just
ľ	10	of, and that it was always going to be at the	10	make sure I understand correctly and the record is
	11	median AWP, and that the that essentially	11	clear what this page does. I understand this page
I	12	then then certainly the damages would be	12	to show your allocation of usage of the products
l	13	would be different than the way I've calculated	13	listed among the several categories of users,
	14	them.	14	including Medicare, nonMedicare, Medicaid and
	15	Q. Yes, that I I would say so, too. And	15	excluded. It does that.
ļ	16	how would they differ? What would they be?	16	A. The J.7.A is is in three pages, and
l	17	A. If in this state of the world the only	17	the first page reiterates the NAMCS categories
l	18	thing that changes you've got the dispersion of	18	through Column 11, with additional adjustments
	19	prices, the AWPs as they exist, and doctors are	19	later. But the first page lists the data that is
	20	reimbursing at the median, and there's and they	20	available from NAMCS and that certain adjustments
	21	were not supposed and that's exactly what they	21	need to be made to that to exclude government
	22	were supposed to be using, and and that's	22	reimbursement under to just the NAMCS the
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	1	subject to the law, then they would they would	1	raw data to come up with the categories that
ŀ	2	under they would have exceeded the	2	are relevant to the damages.
	3	threshold, but you'd still be calculating the	3	Q. Okay. If you turn then to the third
ŀ	4	reimbursement rates the same way. So, the damages	4	page where there are the Columns 23 through 32, do
ľ	5	under that set of assumptions, which I understand	5	you see that?
ŀ	6	are contrary to the regulations, the calculation	6	A. I do.
ŀ	7	would be zero.	7	Q. Yes. Okay. That's where I meant to be,
ľ	8	Q. Okay. And I understand you don't	8	in the columns farthest to the right, 30, 31, and
ļ	9	endorse the assumptions. I'm not asking you to.	9	32. You have them labeled "Medicare, nonMedicare
l	10	But I believe you also admitted that you are not	10	Medicaid," and "Exclude." And then in each of
١	11	an expert on those assumptions, on the meaning of	11	those columns there are percentages, is that
١	12	the Medicare regulation or statutes.	12	correct?
١	13	MR. NALVEN: Objection.	13	A. That's correct.
١	14	Q. Did I understand that correctly?	14	Q. And those percentages are percentages of
١	15	A. You did understand that correctly.	15	what?
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that page --

A. Yes.

Q. Going now to NAMCS data, which -- about

MR. NALVEN: Note my objection.

A. I like to think of it as waxing poetic.

Q. -- your December 15th MDL report,

MR. KAUFMAN: Yes, I do.

Q. If you look at J.7.A, --

A. Those are percentages of units

17 reimbursed under those types of payers, period.

Q. Okay. So, for the product that's first

listed under Shering-Plough near the bottom of

-- Albuterol, if you go farthest to

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which you wax poetic --

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- 1 Column 30 it says, 75 percent under Medicare.
- 2 That says that 75 percent of the units of
- 3 Albuterol manufactured by Shering-Plough -- it's
- 4 actually Warrick -- were used by Medicare, is that
- 5 correct?

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- A. It says 75 percent of those units
- 7 administered in a physician's office --
 - Q. Okay.
- 9 A. It's not globally, because I'm focusing
- 10 on providers here. And given the fact that it --
- 11 on Page 1 that the -- we didn't have NAMCS -- we
- 12 didn't have NAMCS data for Albuterol. The -- this
- 13 is a -- this is an informed proration based on the
- 14 team that I had constituted to pull the NAMCS data
- 15 together and then to -- to value add that to get
- 16 the best estimates we could.
- Q. Okay. I understand that, and I'll come
- 18 back in a minute to how you arrived at the numbers
- 19 you did. I'm trying now to understand what you
- 20 mean by the numbers that you've got there.
- 21 A. Okay.
- Q. So, the 75 percent is -- signifies that

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- 2 A. That's right and others to be excluded.
- 3 Q. Okay.
- 4 A. There's others in -- well, that's --
- 5 Q. Well, the Exclude would include all of
- 6 the Connecticut programs under the Medical
- 7 Assistance Program, right?
 - A. That -- that is correct.
- 9 Q. Okay. So, what this says is Connecticut
- 10 didn't reimburse any Warrick Albuterol from '91
- 11 through 2003 through any of its medical assistance
- 12 programs, correct?
- 13 A. This is saying that -- that the NAMCS
- 14 data and our analyses refining that data picked up
- 15 on the radar screen none that was reimbursed or
- dispensed through Medicaid or Connecticut-typeprogram.
- program.Q. Well, not even just Connecticut. This
- 19 is any state.
- 20 A. That's -- that's right.
- Q. Okay. And you used these percentages to
- 22 compute damages for the MDL, correct?

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- 1 -- by your account -- 75 percent of the physician-
- 2 administered units of Shering -- of Warrick's
- 3 Albuterol were administered to Medicare patients?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 Q. Okay. And for what period of time is
- 6 this? Is this the whole class period?
- 7 A. This is -- this data we gathered
- 8 probably for as much of the class period as we
- 9 could get. The observations there -- there from
- 10 NAMCS, if the NAMCS data were available.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. So, that's saying over the -- over the
- 13 class period, for those -- for those doctors'
- 14 visits in which Albuterol was administered, based
- on the information we have, 75 percent of those
- 16 units visits were reimbursed under Medicare and 25
- 23 diffes visits were remioursed under modicare and 2.
- 17 percent under nonMedicare setting.
- 18 Q. Okay. Leaving zero reimbursed under
- 19 Medicaid and others.
- 20 A. Under the Medicaid and Exclude, that's
- 21 correct.

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Q. But what -- well, the Exclude is -- well

- 1 A. That's correct.
 - For the whole class period.
 - A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. And yet in Connecticut, in your January
- 5 19th report -- let's go to that. I'm going to
- 6 find the pages Page 1 of 20 in the calculation of
- 7 damages included in your January 19th report --
 - A. Page 1 of 20. Okay.
- 9 Q. -- shows that for Warrick, SP -- that's
- 10 Shering-Plough, right?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 Q. There's a total during the period
- covered there from '93 to 2005 of almost \$16
- 14 million.
- 15 A. That's over -- that's right, over that
- period, '93 to 2005 an estimate of 15.8 million.
- Q. Okay. And it's broken down by year, so
- 18 we can see for which years you say there were
- 19 damages. Some were for 2005 and 2004, which I
- 20 think were not covered by your MDL calculation.
- 21 A. The --
 - MR. NALVEN: Objection. I mean, the

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1	numbers are what they are.	1	we applied the 75 percent/25 percent, but I
2	A. Oh, you're	2	that's why I'm looking at my MDL list of your
3	O. Can you tell us so we know whether your	3	your data here and the codes that we used to to

- 5 for Albuterol? 6 MR. NALVEN: Objection.
- 7 A. Under Medicare, given that it was multi
- 8 source, there would have been no Medicare damages

Q. Can you tell us so we know whether your

MDL calculations included damages for 2004 or 2005

9 in those two years.

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- Q. Okay. But in 2003?
- 11 For a multi-source drug.
- 12 Q. Okay. This is for --
- 13 A. Not for Shering-Plough necessarily.
- 14 Q. Right. But in 2003, 2002 and so on, you
- 15 were using your zero percent allocability to
- Medicaid in your MDL report to calculate damages
- 17 for the MDL, right?
- 18 A. In the MDL report, the data that -- that
- 19 we had provided no estimate of reimbursement under
- 20 Medicaid for Albuterol.
- 21 Q. And so, you assumed and calculated
- damages assuming that all of the usage of

- your data here and the codes that we used to -- to
- exclude units wherever we could. And we knew that
- 5 there were Medicaid units involved. We excluded
- 6 them at the top of the chain when we could. So,
- 7 I'm trying to just see if that -- if we were able
- 8 to do that for your client.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. Well, I can't -- I'd have to look more
- 11 closely to be able to -- and that's something I
- 12 can do for --
- 13 Q. Well, let me ask you this: Is there
- 14 anyplace outside your report itself where that
- 15 information would be shown, or are you looking
- 16 only within your report itself?
- 17 A. I am -- for some manufacturers we have
- 18 been able, with the extended invoices with the --
- 19 with the invoice database, with the charge-back
- 20 database, with the rebate database -- identify
- 21 numbers of units that received Medicaid rebates
- 22 and were able to net those out of units that would

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- 2 A. After -- after examining the information
- 3 that -- that we had, that -- that is the final

Albuterol was for Medicare or private?

- 4 allocation that -- that we did, remembering the
- 5 following. (Witness reviews document.)
- 6 Q. Yes.
- 7 A. I'm turning --
- 8 Q. Yes, I'm waiting to see.
- 9 A. It takes a while to -- it takes a while
- 10 to get to -- (Witness reviews document.) What I'm
- 11 looking for is exclusion of units from the MDL
- 12 matter where we tried to exclude all units
- 13 reimbursed either -- either in direct sales to
- 14 governmental entities or that were paid for by
- 15 governmental entities, and I'm trying to see
- 16 whether we were able at that -- in that
- 17 calculation to do an exclusion for Medicaid-
- 18 related sales based on the rebate data and rebates
- 19 paid by your client, and until I'm able to fully
- 20 examine that, I can't tell for sure here whether
- 21 we were able to -- whether your data permitted us
- to net out units reimbursed under Medicaid before

- 1 be subject to class impact, and we -- and we've
- used that. Now, I don't know whether that data
- 3 was available for -- for your client, so I can't
- 4 say that we --
- 5 Q. No, but I'm asking where you would find
- 6 out. Would I find out by looking through this
- 7 report itself?
- 8 A. You would, yes.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. Okay.
- 11 Q. Okay. Then I'm confident you won't find
- 12 it, because it's not there.
 - A. Well, it's either --
- 14 Q. You can -- that's fine.
- 15 A. No. No.

- 16 Q. As long as we all know where to look.
- 17 A. We know where to look.
- 18 Q. And it's there or it isn't.
- 19 A. Right.
- 20 Q. Okay. Fine. Now, just you can satisfy
- 21 yourself, I won't make you look, but I can assure
- 22 you -- and you can assure yourself if you want -

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- that Albuterol NDCs that are included in the MDL 1
- 2 are also included in your Connecticut Medicaid
- 3 calculations. And I could -- I'll read them off
- for the record, then you won't even have to go 4
- 5 look for yourself. I'll tell you which they are,
- 6 but I can't read them. 5993015.1504, 59930150006,
- 7 59930150008, 59930151701, 59930151702. So, when
- 8 you get the transcript, you'll be able to look and
- 9 satisfy yourself that those same NDCs which you
- 10 say were sold 75 percent to the feds/25 percent to
- private payers, you also say in Connecticut were 11
- sold to Connecticut. 12
- 13 A. I see what you're referring to, and --
- and, yes, I will -- I will look at that. 14
- 15 Q. Also, in -- did that not occur to you
- before, before today? 16
- 17 MR. NALVEN: Objection.
- 18 A. What -- what occurred to me before today
- 19 is that in modeling a market at the level of
- 20 complexity that we were doing it in the MDL, we
- 21 needed to take a lot of things into account, and
- we needed to get the best estimates that we could 22

- 1 A. Well, what I heard you ask is -- and let
 - 2 me -- you said -- did it -- you just said didn't
 - 3 it occur to me to think about whether that there
 - 4 could be some inconsistencies, that I'm seeing
 - NDCs here that are appearing in damages that we're 5
 - finding in Connecticut for -- for NDCs that I'm 6
 - 7 not subtracting away or netting out of the -- the
 - 8 MDL matter. And if that's not what you're asking
 - 9 that -- that's what I would think you should be
 - 10 asking, but --
 - 11 Q. And I'll hear the answer, go ahead.
 - 12 A. And the answer is, we -- at the level of
 - 13 the MDL, we proceeded, as is appropriate, for an
 - 14 analysis at that level of aggregation. We -- I
 - would have loved to have taken another year and 15
 - 16 gotten Medicaid's claims data from every state and
 - processed that data and done this by state so that 17
 - 18 I could have come back and done a state-specific
 - 19 calculation of -- of refining these data, but we
 - 20 did not have the time to do it. And does that
 - 21 mean that having seen this here there might be
 - 22 some refinement that could be introduced here?
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 - Perhaps. I'd need to -- I'd need to look at it 1
 - 2 more closely.
 - 3 Q. How did you arrive at the 75 percent/25
 - percent allocation for the MDL? 4
 - 5 A. One last --
 - 6 Q. Okay.
 - 7 A. -- comment on the other thing is that
 - probably one of the more useful steps before I
 - 9 were to undergo a state-by-state analysis of the
 - 10 Medicaid data would be for me to get the -- the
 - NDTI data from Defendants to look at what they're 11
 - 12 attributing to Medicaid to try and enrich the
 - 13 NAMCS data before I would even consider doing
 - 14 something like this, and we are still waiting on
 - 15 that.
 - 16 Now, if -- proceed with the next 17 question.
 - 18 Q. Well, let me -- let me give you the
 - chance to make a little more of a speech on that. 19
 - 20 Why didn't you subscribe to that data yourself?
 - MR. NALVEN: Objection.
 - You knew it was there for years. Why

- at the level at which we were conducting the 1
- 2 damage analysis. So, we pulled the best data that
- 3 was easily accessible. There was data we asked
- 4 for that could have helped us identify just what
- 5 you're getting at, such as the IMS NDTI data,
- 6 which we weren't given. We had asked for data
- 7 from Defendants, we did not receive that. That
- 8 may have told us something more about Medicaid
- 9 visits and for -- for Albuterol, but at the level
- 10 of the MDL analysis, it proceeded at an aggregate 11
- level for the country as a whole and then dealt 12 with a national class of beneficiaries under
- 13 Medicare, and then -- and then state class of --
- 14 Subclasses 2 and 3. So, it proceeded at a -- at
- 15 that level and did so using appropriate methods
- 16 and appropriate assumptions for the analysis at
- 17 that point.
- 18 Now, you're -- you're asking me did it
- 19 occur to me to go to Connecticut, but frankly,
- 20 we've been ---
- Q. Oh. No. No. That's not what I was 21 22 asking.

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1 didn't you ask for it, direct it?

2 Because it has been our experience that

- 3 when we approach IMS in a -- in a position of --
- 4 that's adverse to pharmaceutical companies, they
- 5 won't -- they don't sell it to us.
 - Q. So, you've tried and they've declined?
- 7 A. Well, we've read their contract. Their
 - contract is it can't be -- it can't be -- we
- 9 couldn't buy it to use it in litigation, so we
- 10 don't. We can't buy it.
- 11 Q. Don't we have the same contract that
- 12 would prevent our giving it to you for use in
- 13 litigation?

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- 14 MR. NALVEN: Objection.
- 15 O. Okay.
- 16 A. I think we're getting on legal things
- 17 but under --
- 18 MR. NALVEN: Let's move on to the next
- question. 19
- 20 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- 21 Q. So, tell me the allocation, how did you
- 22 arrive at 75 percent/25 percent allocation of

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- 1 Albuterol sales manufactured by Warrick?
- 2 A. I asked the team of -- of affiliates
- 3 that we have at the Harvard School of Public
- 4 Health, Doctor Rosenthal being one of them, to
- 5 look at the -- there -- in terms of the research
- 6 they've done, the types of drugs they've looked at
- 7 to look at the profiles of drugs that are
- 8 reimbursed in different contexts, to try and
- enrich the NAMCS data and improve upon it where --9
- 10 where we could.
- 11 We did so by introducing the -- the DOD
- 12 purchases, using -- with supplemental calculations
- 13 that appear in Attachment J.2.B -- J.7.B, I'm
- 14 sorry, and the indirect purchases through private
- 15 third-party payers. The -- given the -- the time
- 16 frame and the -- the information we had, we did
- 17 the best adjustments we could, and it appears and
- 18 what's -- that's the result of that process for
- 19 Albuterol.
- 20 Q. Well, for Intron A, which is a Shering
- product, there were fewer data points in the NAMCS 21
- data than there were for Albuterol, yet you relied

- 1 on the NAMCS data for Intron A and rejected it for
- 2 Albuterol. How come?
 - MR. NALVEN: Objection.
 - A. Well, because we were interested in the
 - Albuterol for Shering-Plough and it was not -- it
- б was just Albuterol specific rather than Shering-
- 7 Plough specific.
 - O. So, you couldn't tell from the NAMCS
- 9 data which were Shering-Plough or Warrick and
- 10 which were other manufacturers?
- 11 A. We couldn't decipher from the NAMCS
- 12 data, among -- what manufacturer of the drug was
- 1.3 provided in a multi-source context.
 - Q. And is that true for all generics?
- 15 A. I've -- this was something that was told
- 16 to me by -- I'd have to -- I'd have to check with
- 17 the staff on that.
- 18 O. But there would be no difference between
- 19 Albuterol and any other generic, would there?
- 20 MR. NALVEN: Objection.
 - A. I would have to check with -- with the
- 22 staff on that. There are people closer to the
- 1 NAMCS data than I am and --
- 2 Q. Did you --
- 3 A. -- and they're the people that ran it.
- 4 Q. Did you rely on the NAMCS data for other
- 5 generics?
- 6 A. The - I would have to - I cannot be
- 7 sure which one of all of these are generics or
- 8 not. Since you know the answer to the question,
- 9 why don't you point them out to me.
- 10 Q. No, I don't know. I would like you to 11 tell me.
- 12 A. Well, I'm -- I --
 - MR. NALVEN: Objection.
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- 14 A. I asked my staff to do what they could
- 15 with the NAMCS data to be specific for
- 16 manufacturers, and I was told that that -- that
- 17 they couldn't do that for Albuterol, and so, I'm
- 18 curious whether --
- 19 MR. NALVEN: Mr. Kaufman isn't asking
- 20 you to guess.
- 21 Q. That's right. If you don't know, then
- you should tell me you don't know. Did Doctor